

REMARKS

The present amendment reintroduces claim 11 as claim 13.

Claim 11 was cancelled on the mistaken belief that there was no existing evidence for the superiority of the coated sodium percarbonate particles of the present application, over those of KORVELA (WO 95/15291).

However, the client has just pointed out to us that WO 95/15291 is the same as EP 0 681 557. A copy of EP 0 681 557 was presented with the Information Disclosure Statement of January 28, 2002, and so no further copy need be supplied.

The relationship of EP 0 681 557 to WO 95/15291 will be clear from a comparison of the two publications and from the cover sheet of EP 0 681 557.

In the present application, Example 5 presents, by way of comparison, the properties of granules coated according to EP 0 681 557. Figure 2 of the present drawings shows the difference graphically, between the present invention and the method of EP 0 681 557.

Therefore, the unobvious superiority of the product produced by the method of the present invention, over the applied prior art, is thoroughly established.

Passage to issue with claims 1-10 and 13 is accordingly respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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